

## CLAIMS

1. A method of manufacturing a pleated product comprising:

5 folding a part of a fabric for a pleated product comprising warp and weft along a folding line tilted relative to the warp and the weft, one of the warp and the weft being formed of easy-to-pleat yarn and the other formed of hard-to-pleat yarn;

pleating said fabric up to the folding line in a passing direction of the warp or the weft; and

10 unfolding and washing the fabric.

2. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 1, wherein a plurality of said fabrics for a pleated product are sewn together so that passing directions of the warp and the weft are different, and folded along a folding line tilted relative to the warp and the weft, followed by the pleating.

15 3. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 1, wherein a part of said fabric of a pleated product is folded more than once along folding lines tilted relative to the warp and the weft, followed by the pleating.

20 4. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 2, wherein a part of said fabric of a pleated product is folded more than once along folding lines tilted relative to the warp and the weft, followed by the pleating.

25 5. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 1, wherein an angle of the folding line tilted relative to the warp and the weft is 45 degrees.

6. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 2, wherein an angle of the folding line tilted relative to the warp and the weft is 45 degrees.

5 7. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 3, wherein angles of the folding lines tilted relative to the warp and the weft are 45 degrees.

8. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 4, wherein angles of the folding lines tilted relative to the warp and the weft are 45 degrees.

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9. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 1, wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

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10. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 2, wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

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11. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 3, wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

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12. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 4, wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

13. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 5, wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

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14. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 6, wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

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15. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 7, wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

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16. The method of manufacturing a pleated product as claimed in claim 8, wherein said hard-to-pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

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17. A fabric for a pleated product comprising warp and weft, wherein one of said warp and weft is easy-to-pleat yarn and the other is hard-to-pleat yarn.

18. A fabric for a pleated product claimed in claim 17, wherein a plurality of said fabrics for a pleated product are sewn together so that passing directions of the warp and the weft are different.

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19. A fabric for a pleated product claimed in claim 17, wherein said hard-to-

pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.

20. A fabric for a pleated product claimed in claim 18, wherein said hard-to-  
5 pleat yarn is one selected from the group consisting of rayon yarn, acrylic yarn, and natural fabric yarn.